

REMARKS

In light of the decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, the Applicant has amended claim 5 to include the limitations of claims 6 and 7. Since the rejection of claim 7 (which depended from claim 6, itself a dependant of claim 5) was overturned by the Board, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 5 and 8-12 are now patentable over the references of record. The Applicant has also canceled claim 13, amended claim 15 to appear in independent form, and changed the dependency of claims 14, 16, 18 and 19. The Applicant respectfully submits that claims 14-20 are now patentable over the references of record.

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 08-2025, under Order No. 10001114-1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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